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SUBJECT: ICC: ITALY'S ENCOURAGING POSITION ON ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENT

REF: A. ROME 3580 B. ROME 3703 C. ROME 3760

CLASSIFIED BY: ACTING DCM THOMAS COUNTRYMAN FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D)

- [1](#)1. (C) ON AUG 1, THE AMBASSADOR AND ADCM MET WITH AMBASSADOR GIOVANNI CASTELLANETA, THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO PM AND ACTING FM BERLUSCONI, TO
- [1](#)2. (C) CASTELLANETA REPLIED THAT THE GOI PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL THE EU REACHES A CONSENSUS ON ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS. IN ANY CASE, THE GOI WOULD
- [1](#)3. (C) COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST POSITIVE RESPONSE EMBASSY HAS YET RECEIVED ON THE ISSUE OF AN ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENT WITH THE GOI (SEE REFTELS)

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 004031

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SUBJECT: GOOD ADVICE ON ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS FROM ITALY

REF: A. ROME 3855 AND PREVIOUS B. STATE 150277 C. STATE 146035 D. ROME 3984

CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM THOMAS COUNTRYMAN, REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

- [1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR GIANCARLO ARAGONA URGED THE U.S. TO EXPLAIN THE EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS UNDER THE INT
- [1](#)2. (C) A/DCM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AN AUGUST 8 MEETING ON HOW BEST TO FOCUS ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN (SEPTEL) TO DOUBLE-TRACK WITH POLITICAL DIRE
- [1](#)3. (C) THE BULK OF THE CONVERSATION WAS DEVOTED TO CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT "RC
- [1](#)4. (C) ARAGONA DESCRIBED THE MOOD IN THE EU AS "TOUGH" AGAINST THE U.S. POSITION. THE EU PRESIDENCY AND SEVERAL STATES WERE LEADING THE CHARGE
- [1](#)5. (C) ARAGONA CONTINUED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE REMARKS OF A GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON WERE INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. BUT THE U.S. APPF
- [1](#)6. (C) A/DCM THANKED ARAGONA FOR THE USEFUL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS. HE CONTINUED THAT THE ROME TREATY WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH
- [1](#)7. (C) COMMENT: ARAGONA'S VIEWS WERE HONEST AND DIRECT EXPRESSIONS OF BOTH THE CONSTRAINTS ITALY FACES AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO BE OUR PARTNER I
- [1](#)8. (C) COMMENT, CONT. ARAGONA'S SUGGESTIONS FOR HONING OUR PUBLIC APPROACH AS WE SEEK ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS ARE GOOD ADVICE, IN THE EUROPEAN C
- [1](#)9. (C) CONCLUSION: EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S EXTRA EFFORT TO MAKE AVAILABLE (INCLUDING ON INTRANET) INFORMATION AND TALKING POINTS ON ART
- SKODON